

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

**10/28 - Field Day**

**10/28 - Half Day Schedule**

**11/1 - 11/8 - Food Drive**

**11/9 - Cabinet of Curiosities**

**11/11 - No School;  
Veterans' Day**

**11/23 - 11/25 - No School;  
Thanksgiving Recess**

## Quick Links

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## Spirit Week

It's Spirit Week! Show your spirit by dressing up according to the theme. The 1st period class with the most participation and spirit will win Fall treats! (Students must follow the daily costume guidelines) Keep it classy so that we can keep this tradition going!

Please note: When it's listed as a "half-dress day" that means students must wear uniform bottoms, uniform socks, and uniform shoes. Detentions will be issued if a student is out of compliance.



Monday: Jocks vs Nerds (1/2 dress out)

Tuesday: Color wars: 7th white, 8th purple, 9th blue, 10th red, 11th pink, 12th black, teacher's yellow. (1/2 dress out)

Wednesday: Dream Job (full dress)

Thursday: Twin Day (full dress)

Friday: Field Day

**KEEP IT CLASSY AND RESPECT THE RULES**



## Academy Giving

**Did you know? Community Investment is the best way to support North Phoenix Prep!** Community Investment Funds help keep our curriculum rigorous while supporting our teachers and administration. Does your family want to support our school through Community Investment? Email Jackie Curtis, Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, with any questions or click here for more information.

## PSO Corner

**PSO Website**

**Contact PSO**

**Amazon Smiles**

**Connect with NPX**



## College Counseling Update

Website: [www.northphoenixprep.org/college](http://www.northphoenixprep.org/college) Email: [college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)

### Seniors

**Great Hearts Financial Aid Night** – Thursday, November 17th from 6 – 7 PM Zoom. [Register online](#) to join admission representatives from ASU to learn about financial aid resources available to you. Their team of experts will guide you through understanding your costs, accessing and understanding your awards, and answer your questions about paying for college. *Not specific to ASU.*

### Juniors

**Fall Workshop Series** – Wednesday, November 2 from 2:45 - 3:45pm in the MPR. Get a head start on college prep at this month's MUST-ATTEND workshop featuring a values assessment and major exploration. Don't forget to complete the StrengthsExplorer assessment on [Naviance](#), our college planning portal, prior to the workshop.

### Sophomores & Juniors

**PSAT Testing Day** – Tuesday, October 25. A great primer for standardized testing, the PSAT can qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarship awards. Students who are tardy will not be allowed to enter the testing room. Check out [test-day tips](#), and please encourage your student to be well rested, eat a filling breakfast and bring the following:

- Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers (no mechanical pencils)
- Snacks and drinks (which must be stored during testing)
- Approved [calculator](#)
- Sweatshirt
- Email address for CollegeBoard communications (optional)

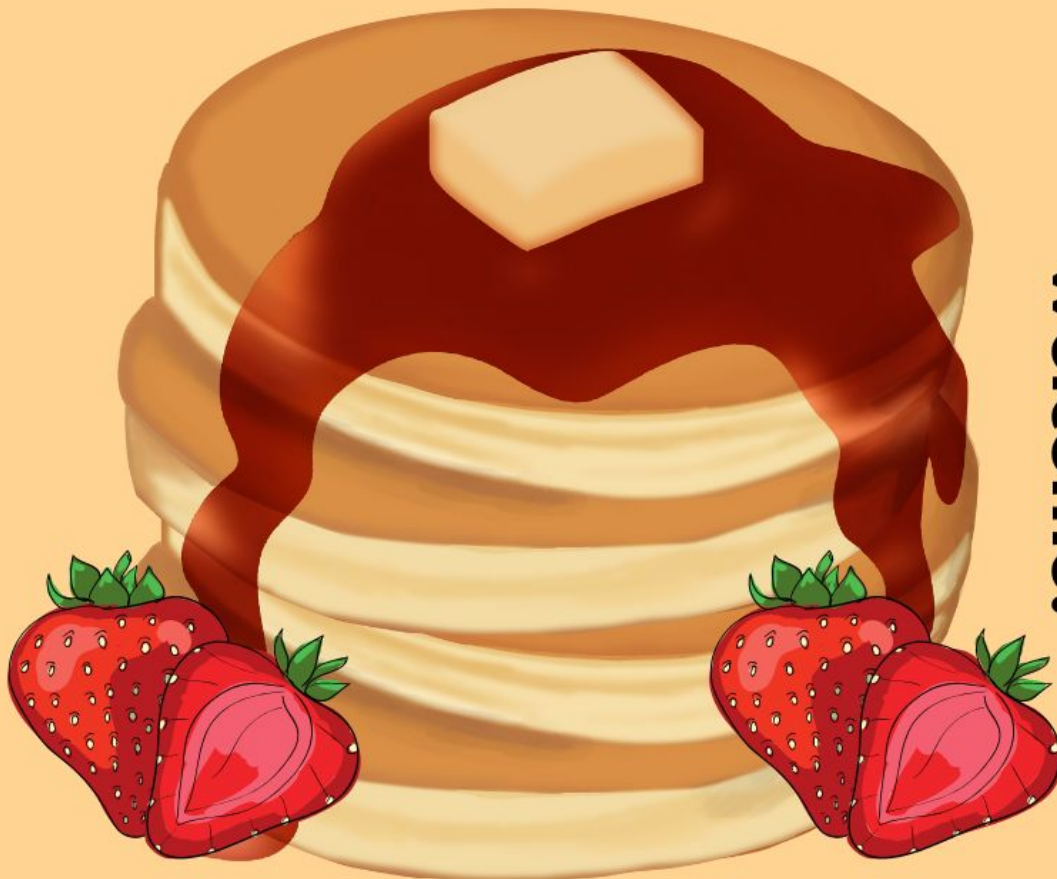
### All High School Grades

**Campus Visits from Admissions Representatives** – 12:55 pm at lunch in the MPR-Drama Room.

Campus Visits from Admissions Representatives – Thursday, October 27 at 12:55 pm during lunch in the Drama Room. Learn more about [Bentley University](#), a private university in Massachusetts.

# SENIOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 10/28 - Starting at 7:15



**Senior Parents  
welcome!**

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend this annual ceremony to honor our seniors. As the morning sun rises, we celebrate our seniors on beginning their final year of high school.

## Field Day on Friday!

This Friday is our annual Fall Field Day! Students will be competing in teams in Athletic, Academic, and Artistic games run by our student leaders and faculty on campus. Middle school students are encouraged to wear their new Gladiator Team t-shirts! High School students are encouraged to dress in the theme chosen by their team leaders, which can be found on the rosters posted around the school. There will be a pancake breakfast for the entire school provided by the PSO, as well as snacks throughout the day provided by the Lanistae. All students are allowed and encouraged to dress out in athletic wear for maximum comfort. Please see the guidelines below when deciding what to wear. Any questions? Reach out to Ms. Schripsema at [sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org).

### Athletic Practice and Outdoor Field Day Dress Code

Just as the Academy provides guidelines for dress code in the classroom, it is important to project the image of professionalism in our athletic attire as well. All shirts worn for athletic practices and field day should be modest, loose fitting, in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.), should be worn either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts if not tucked in. No midriffs may be shown. T-shirts are preferred—no tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras may be worn as outer-garments. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if modest. Pants/shorts should be modest and in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.) Pants should be worn at the waist and should be no shorter than mid-thigh, and no longer than just below the knee. No short-shorts or long baggy shorts may be worn. No boxers or undergarments may be visible. Attire should be free of inappropriate messages. Sports team logos (e.g., Diamondbacks, Notre Dame), and apparel brand names (e.g., Adidas, Nike) are acceptable, provided they do not make inappropriate allusions. These guidelines also apply to sweatshirts and jackets that students may wear. Footwear should be athletic in nature: no sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes. Hats and sunscreen may be appropriate if the students will be in the sun. Hat styles should follow the same guidelines as above.

#### FAQ:

Can I wear leggings? Yes, but only athletic ones and please make sure your shirt covers the waist.

Can I wear a pop-culture shirt? No, but you can wear sports teams.

Can I just wear my uniform? Of course!

Can I wear crazy socks? Please do! Support your team as much as possible.

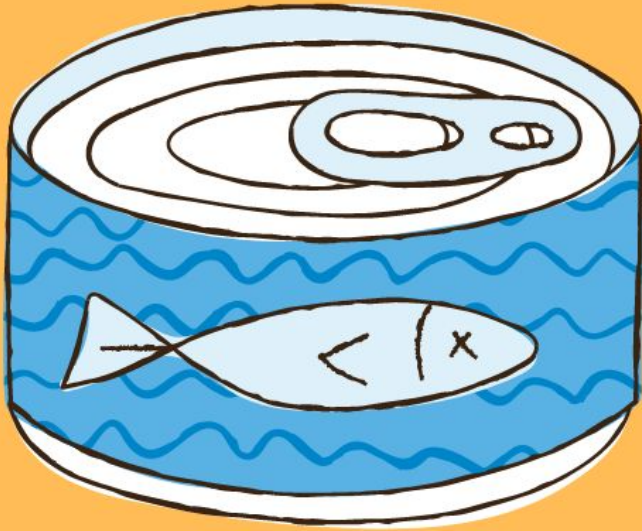
Can I wear clothes supporting politicians or political views? Please don't.

## PSO Needs Volunteers & Donations

In order to provide a Pancake Breakfast to the entire Student Body on Friday, kindly make a food donation or sign up to volunteer! **Pancake Breakfast Sign Up**



Starting November 1st - 8th



# **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

Food will go to the Paradise Valley Community Food Bank, which supports families in our area.

**1 in 6 children face hunger in  
Arizona every day!**

## Homecoming 2022

Our Senators planned and executed the best Homecoming in the history of NPX! Over 200 students were in attendance dancing the night away. It was a beautiful event at the Arizona Broadway Theater. St



**Dancing in unison to the *Cha-Cha Slide*!**

## Yearbook Purchases

Yearbooks are available to purchase! Here is the link to save on the 2022-2023 NPX Yearbook!

The link is

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016597386001337>

## Science at Great Hearts

by Dr. Geraci

At Great Hearts we believe that “the best education for some, is the best education for all.” Students share a path seeking Truth, Goodness, and Beauty across the liberal arts and sciences. They do this together until their journey across the graduation stage. Tracking students into different levels for science and math is common elsewhere. Some schools offer different levels of science, from non-honors to AP and dual enrollment. Tracking separates students from their peers based on grades, test scores, or recommendations. Over time, tracking can leave students with incomplete exposure to the foundational science disciplines. According to National Science Foundation data, over 97% of US high school students take biology, but only about 40% take physics.

Great Hearts students take a single rigorous science and math curriculum and thus are united by the wisdom, wit, patience, and grit of faculty, staff, and families. We don’t build tracking systems at Great Hearts. We cultivate unified communities of learners. Our high school students all take biology, chemistry, and one or two years of physics. Our physics classes are the telos of students learning science in community over time.

As students move through the logic stage and learn to reason abstractly about the physical world, the communities they build along the way shape both their thoughts and affections towards their fellow learners. At NPX, students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade wrestle with the meaning of uncertainty and precision as they learn measurement and conversions. What does it mean to estimate? How can we measure something indirectly even if we can’t see it? How can we be more confident in our measurements? Down the hall, senior physics students might be doing an experiment and using their data to both graphically and algebraically derive spring constants. Anyone visiting these classrooms would notice confident integration of math, science, and rhetoric.

Before teaching at Great Hearts, I experienced schools in the US and abroad that tracked students for math and science beginning in middle school. At The American University of Iraq, many of my first-year biology students had not scored well enough on baccalaureate exams to be tracked into STEM majors. Their sense of wonder and dedication to learning was strong, but they were not allowed to pursue their passions as 18-year-olds because of tests they took when they were 12. I am honored to be part of our unified science curriculum, and grateful that the communities my 2nd-grade son is forming around him at Archway will remain intact, not tracked.





## Dress Code Reminders

Shoes - All black, low-top athletic shoes or dress shoes ONLY

Socks - All black, crew length or above (tights permitted, but not leggings)

Skirts - Be sure the length is below your fingertips (when arms are by your side)

## Reporting Absences

To report your scholar(s) absence, please provide an **[email to Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org](mailto:Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org)** with the following information:

1. Student(s) First and Last Name
2. Grade
3. Date of Absence(s)
4. Reason for absence (*please be specific*)

Please provide an email to the attendance line before 9:00 am. Without an email, we will send a robo call and ask that you respond quickly so we may clear the absence. *Note: All absences will be marked unexcused should we not hear from you.*

## Absences

When a student is absent and in need of make-up work, they should first check the Weekly Homework Chart for assignments. Should they have questions or need additional assignments, they are to email their teacher(s) directly. Please do not ask the attendance line to acquire assignments for your student. If items need to be picked up from campus, teachers will leave these items in the front office.

## Tardies

We ask that any appointments (e.g., medical, dental, etc.) reported as a tardy to bring the documentation/slip from that office for auditing purposes. At time of check in, our Raptor system, allows to select reason for tardy " Doctor/Dentist or appointments.

